



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This form is to be completed, signed, and returned with your Application Packet by 5 pm on November 1, 2007.

My packet is complete and includes the following information:

_____ Application form (3 copies)

_____ Three Letters of Recommendation

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ SAT scores

(Please note: This is the only item that may be submitted separately.)

_____ High School Transcript

_____ Recent photograph of applicant

_____ Notarized application of Residence

ALL OF THE CHECKED ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET. I UNDERSTAND THAT TEST SCORES ARE THE ONLY ITEM THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

I have sent a pre-questionnaire to the U.S. _____ Academy.

Signature: _____

Name: (please print) _____

Date: _____



MEMORANDUM ON PROCEDURES GOVERNING APPLICANTS FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SERVICE ACADEMIES

Nominations—General Information

United States Senators and Members of Congress may nominate candidates who are legal residents of their State or District for admission to the US Air Force, the US Merchant Marine, the US Military and US Naval Academies. The number of nominations, if any, which a Senator or Representative may make in a particular year depends on how many vacancies, if any, exist at the particular Academy in the quota allocated to each Senator's or Representative's office.

IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO APPLY TO BOTH U.S. SENATORS AND TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO MAXIMIZE YOUR CHANCES OF RECEIVING A NOMINATION.

For the class entering an Academy in 2008, Congressman Sarbanes may submit 10 nominations for each vacancy. Each Academy makes the final selection from among the nominees.

It is important to stress that a Senator or Representative only nominates candidates to be considered for admission by the Academies. Admission itself is determined by each Academy through an established admission procedure, and those nominated must meet the Academy's requirements to receive further consideration.

Basic Academy Requirements

Each Academy has certain basic qualifications that all nominees must meet to be eligible for appointment. If you have not already filed a pre-candidate questionnaire with the Academy of interest to you, it is suggested that you do so by visiting the appropriate website so that you may receive complete information on Academy requirements directly from the Academy.

United States Air Force Academy www.academyadmissions.com
United States Merchant Marine Academy www.usmma.edu
United States Military Academy www.admissions.usma.edu
United States Naval Academy www.usna.edu

For those persons interested in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, application is made directly to the Academy. Nominations are not required.

Among the basic Academy qualifications are the following:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Not Married
3. As of entry date, applicant must be at least 17 years of age and less than 23 years of age
4. Competitive scores on the Writing, Verbal and Mathematics portions of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
5. High academic standing in secondary school class (generally in the upper 20%)
6. First-rate medical condition and proper physical aptitude.
7. Participation and achievement in organized athletics, student government, clubs, or other extra curricular activities.
8. Legal residence in Maryland's Third Congressional District.

Many factors – academic ability, moral character, leadership potential, physical fitness, etc., enter into the judgment as to which of the candidates meeting the above criteria should be nominated to the Academies. Competition is extremely keen and the objective is to identify those young citizens who are most qualified for an Academy education and subsequent military career.

Application File

In order to be considered for a nomination, **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED PACKET NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 1, 2007** containing the following items:

1. Completed Application Form with photograph and requested statements
2. Three letters of recommendation (each in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the seal)
3. A transcript of your grades through June 2006
4. Your SAT scores or an indication that the test will be taken by October 2007
5. Completed Affidavit of Residence

AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 1, 2007 WILL BE CONSIDERED INACTIVE AND WILL NOT RECEIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Letter of Recommendation

Please have three persons who are not members of your family each submit a recommendation on your behalf. Individuals who have taught you and are familiar with your abilities should write two of these letters. It is your responsibility to obtain these letters and include them in your Application Packet.

Secondary School Academic Record

It is your responsibility to obtain and include a transcript of your grades through June 2007 in your application packet.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-1)

The Service Academies require applicants for admission to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-1) or the ACT examination. Since the SAT is more widely used in this area, and in order to have a uniform standard, we require that you take the SAT in order to be considered for nomination. The scores must be available for evaluation purposes. **THE OCTOBER TEST IS THE LAST DATE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS APPLICATION.** You should be aware that registration for the exam closes several weeks prior to the exam. Your secondary school counselor can assist you in arranging to take the examination.

If you are taking the October SAT, please direct the Testing Service to send the results of your test directly to my office by using SAT College Board Code Number 5637. If you have taken the test previously, it is your responsibility to include those scores in your application packet.

Affidavit of Residence

The affidavit in the Application Packet must be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian and notarized. This is required to satisfy the statutory requirement that nominees are legal residents of the State of Maryland and live in Maryland's 3rd Congressional District.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY US IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

Submit the application to:

Congressman John P. Sarbanes
600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 303
Towson, MD 21204

Attn: Sharon Nathanson

Questions

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Nathanson in my District Office by phone on 410-832-8890, by fax on 410-832-8898 or by email at academies@mail.house.gov



APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

(Please type)

ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH HERE

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name: _____

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

2. Academy to which you are applying. Please order by preference.

___ Air Force ___ Military ___ Merchant Marine ___ Navy

3. Permanent Address:

_____ (number & street)

_____ (city, state, zip)

_____ (county)

_____ (telephone - home)

_____ (cell phone)

_____ (email address)

4. Temporary Address:

_____ (number & street)

_____ (city, state, zip)

_____ (county)

_____ (telephone)

5. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
6. Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy)
7. Are you a citizen of the United States of America? _____ If not, have you applied for citizenship and where you are in the process?
- _____
- _____
8. High School: _____
9. High School address: _____ (number & street)
- _____ (city, state, zip)
- _____ (phone)
10. Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____/_____
11. SAT score: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____
12. Recommendations enclosed from:
1. _____
- (name) (title)
2. _____
- (name) (title)
3. _____
- (name) (title)
13. Are you currently attending college? _____
- If yes, provide name and address.
14. Have you had any high school active or reserve military experience? _____
- If yes, provide details.
15. Other nominating sources to which you are applying (please list):

ACADEMICS

16. What is your strongest academic area? Why?
17. Which do you consider your weakest academic area? Why?
18. List any academic honors or prizes you have received.
19. If you should be appointed to a service academy, which academic area would you select as a major?
20. If you are not appointed to a service academy, what are your alternate educational plans or career plan?
21. Have you applied to any other colleges or universities? List below.

ATHLETICS

22. List all school and community athletic activities in which you have participated. Include any personal or team achievements that demonstrate athletic or leadership potential.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

23. Describe fully any other extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Include length of involvement, positions or responsibility or leadership in which you served, and honors or recognition you received.
24. Describe any community activities in which you have participated, including the same information as in the above question.
25. Describe your other pursuits or hobbies.
26. Which of your pursuits or hobbies do you consider the most significant or personally rewarding? Why?
27. List at least three books you have read during the past year in order of significance to you. (School assigned reading excluded)
28. Have you worked during the past school year? List regular volunteer work as well as salaried jobs. Describe the job, place of employment and number of hours worked per week.

29. How did you spend the summers while in high school? If employed, include details requested in the above question.
30. Describe any significant travel experiences not described in the question above.
31. How much time do you devote to your studies on an average evening?

MILITARY

32. How long have you been interested in attending a service academy?
33. Have you discussed your goals with any midshipman, cadets or active duty military personnel? (describe)
34. Are you interested in pursuing any specialty in the military at this time, e.g. aviation, surface warfare, infantry, intelligence, etc.? List below.
35. Assuming that your career plans proceed exactly as you would hope, what do you see yourself doing in ten years in terms of personal, and family-related goals? Please discuss.

ESSAYS

36. Please outline a statement of purpose that sets out in a concise and direct manner why you are interested in becoming a career military or merchant marine officer. Concentrate your thoughts on your service following graduation from one of the service academies. (Do on a separate piece of paper and do not exceed 300 words)
37. Under what circumstances would you advocate the use of American military forces in another country? Explain your reasoning. (Use a separate piece of paper and do not exceed 500 words)

MISCELLANEOUS

38. Are you interested at this time in making the military a career after your minimum obligation has expired?
39. Have you ever been arrested, placed on probation, involved in honor violations, or dismissed/suspended for school? If so, explain below.

I certify that my answers in this application are true and are solely my own work.

Signature

Date

Return To:

Congressman John P. Sarbanes
600 Baltimore Ave., #303
Towson, Maryland 21204
Attn: Sharon Nathanson



AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE

(This affidavit must be completed and executed by your parent or legal guardian in order to establish that you meet the statutory requirement of legal resident in Maryland's Third Congressional District)

I, _____, being of lawful age and a resident of _____ in _____ County, Maryland, do on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1, That I am the parent and entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of _____, a minor, who has applied to the Honorable John P. Sarbanes, Member of the United States Congress, for consideration as an appointee to the United States _____ Academy; that said _____ is my son or daughter, and in my legal custody or is my legal ward and lives with me; and that our legal residence is _____.

2, That I have resided at said _____ for _____ years, and although I may from time to time have sojourned in other parts, it has always been and still is my continuous, firm and unwavering intention to return to said _____, and to reside there permanently.

That in evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

- a. My domicile is at _____
- b. I have paid real estate taxes to _____ County, Maryland, during the following years _____
- c. I am registered as a voter in _____ County, Maryland, and have voted in primary and or general elections in said county in the following years: _____.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2007

(Notary Public)

